

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The optical interconnection of the present invention enables accurate coupling of optical waveguides to other optical waveguides. To this end, the optical interconnect of the present invention enables accurate coupling of optical waveguides such as those typically used in OIC's to other optical waveguides such as those disposed in another OIC or in an optical fiber array. The optical interconnect of the present invention may be incorporated into standard optical connectors 114, such as the MT, mini-MT, MAC or other optical connectors well known to one having ordinary skill in the art.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Thus, the accuracy of location of guide pins 213 and 214 fosters accurate passive alignment of the optical interconnect 200 to other waveguides, such as an optical fiber array or other optical waveguides. Again, the structure shown in the illustrative embodiment in Fig. 2 may be incorporated for use into a standard optical connector 215 such as MT, mini MT or MAC connectors.--